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ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE RELEASES FIRST TIME EVER AIMS SCIENCE RESULTS

PHOENIX (EMBARGOED for Wednesday, September 17, 2008) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne released today the AIMS Science results for grades 4 and 8 and high school. The high school students in grades 9 and 10 who were enrolled in Life Science courses participated in the assessment.

Horne added: “The teachers on the task force that set the science standards felt strongly that the standards should be rigorous. About 38% of the high school students tested proficient, and about 50% of the students in grades 4 and 8. We have important work to do to get students to meet these rigorous new science standards.”

Arizona students will continue to be assessed in Science as a requirement of No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

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